

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12647–S12742*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2846–2851, and S. Res. 372. **Page S12708**

#### Measures Considered:

**Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12648–99**

#### Rejected:

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2962 (to Amendment No. 2786), to prohibit the use of Federal funds for abortions. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 369), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S12648, S12659–64, S12669–83**

#### Withdrawn:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 370), McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn.) **Page S12684**

#### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12648**

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 2793 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. **Pages S12685–88**

Crapo motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S12685**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, and that following any remarks of the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, or their designees, for up to 10 minutes each, the next two hours be for debate only, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes, and the Majority controlling the second 30 minutes; with the remaining time equally divided and used in alternating

fashion; provided further, that no amendments are in order during this time. **Page S12742**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general. **Page S12742**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S12705**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S12713–42**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S12742**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—370) **Pages S12683–84**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S12742.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Karl W. Eikenberry, United States Ambassador to Afghanistan, Department of State; and General Stanley A. McChrystal, USA, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Commander, United States Forces Afghanistan, Department of Defense.